

REMARKS

In the Office Action dated November 16, 2007, the Examiner objected to the Abstract as not providing a concise statement of the technical disclosure of the claimed invention. Applicants have submitted a new Abstract which provides the necessary concise statement in compliance with MPEP 608.01(b).

The Examiner rejected claim 10 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, for depending from an incorrectly identified claim. Applicants have amended the typographical error in claim 10 to properly have it depend from claim 9. Applicants submit that claim 10 is now in compliance with 35 USC 112, second paragraph.

Claims 8-10, 12, 20 and 25-27 were rejected under 102(b) as being anticipated by Jacob et al. Claims 13, 15, 16, 19 and 21-23 were rejected under 103(a) as being unpatentable over Jacob et al. in view of Schoonover.

Applicants note with appreciation that claims 11, 14, 17, 18 and 24 were stated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

By the present amendment, applicants have rewritten claims 11, 14, 17 and 24 as independent claims, including all of the limitations of their base claim and any intervening claims. Original independent claims 8 and 20 have been canceled. The remaining dependent claims have either been amended to depend from one of the rewritten new independent claims or canceled. Some original dependent claims have also been presented as new claims, to depend from additional ones of the rewritten new independent claims.

In view of the foregoing amendments, applicants submit that all of the points raised by the Examiner have been addressed, that the application is in full compliance with Section 112, and the claims now presented are all in allowable form. Applicants request the Examiner to indicate all claims as allowed and to pass the application to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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